# Multimodal Transportation Program Overview

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#### Issues

- Increasing needs on the highway system
- Increasing need for alternative transportation for older lowans
- Increasing need to provide access to jobs for lower income lowans
- Increasing air pollution in Iowa
- Growing volume of greenhouse gas emissions











### Solutions

 To meet lowa's current and future transportation demands requires an accessible and safe multimodal transportation system.











### Aviation







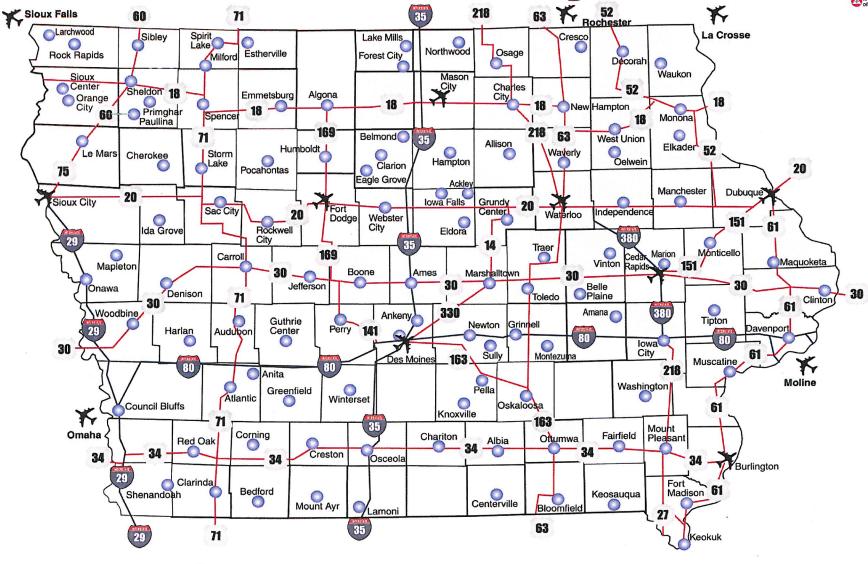




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# **Iowa Aviation System**





\*Commercial Service Airports

General Aviation Airports

## Aviation in Iowa: Key Stats

- 6,800 pilots
- 3,800 aircraft
- 109 public owned airports
  - Eight commercial airports
  - 60+ fix based
    operators offering
    expanded aviation
    services
- 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Powered Flight in Iowa

#### **Annually**

- 1.3M annual aircraft operations
- 2.5M lowa-generated commercial service boardings
- Four million acres treated by air using 86 percent of the airports
- 4,000 medical missions
- 250 million pounds cargo
- 47,000 jobs
- \$5.4 billion in economic output

#### Needs

- Vertical Infrastructure
  - 27 percent of enhanced general aviation airports have inadequate hangar capacity
  - Continued need for renovations and enhancements for terminals, hangars and other buildings at airports

# Needs (continued)

- Airside Programs
  - Continued funding of critical aviation safety programs and airside projects
    - Weather reporting (AWOS)
    - Windsocks
    - Runway markings
    - Pavement management
    - Pilot safety programs
    - Wildlife safety
    - Planning studies(System planning and obstruction analysis)
  - Infrastructure renovation and enhancements
  - Air service development

# Aviation Program Recommendations

- Vertical infrastructure funding
  - \$1.5M for commercial airports from IJOBS revenue bonds.

# Freight Rail



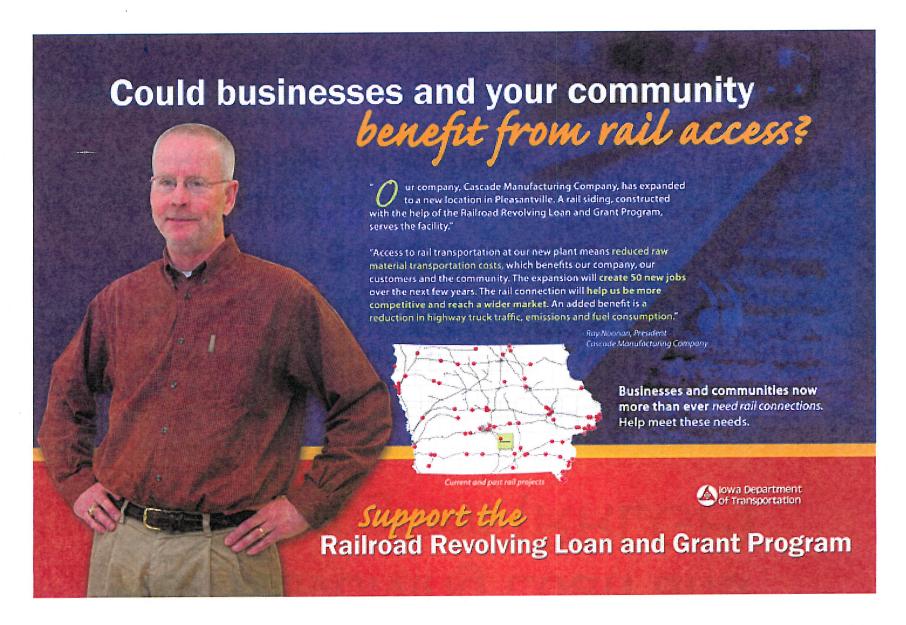








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# Rail Revolving Loan and Grant Program (RRLGP)

- Rail access for new, relocating or expanding business
- Rail line rehabilitation
- •\$3.3 million awarded in 2009
  - Rail industrial spurs
  - Rail bridge replacements

# Rail Revolving Loan and Grant Program (RRLGP)

#### Benefits of access to rail connections

- Businesses can lower costs, reach new markets, be more profitable and grow
- –Communities can spur job growth and development
- -Railroads gain new customers and higher revenues leading to increased investment capacity to improve lowa's rail system
- —lowa boosts its economy and extends the reach of lowa's goods

# Rail Revolving Loan and Grant Program (RRLGP)

#### **APPLICATIONS**

- 68 applications
- + \$36.5 million requested
- \$24 million in unmet project need

#### **AWARDS**

- 32 awards
- \$12.7 million total awards
- 1,355 new jobs assisted
- \$1.43 billion in total private capital investment
- Helped build \$76 million in rail infrastructure

# Rail Revolving Loan and Grant Program (RRLGP) Recommendation

Sustain the existing \$2 million FY 2011 appropriation from RIIF



# Passenger Rail











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## Plans for Passenger Rail

#### Plans for Rail Service in Iowa

- Existing Amtrak routes Proposed routes (Iowa City and Dubuque)
- Routes currently under study (Des Moines and Waterloo)



### Benefits of Intercity Passenger Rail

- Sustainable transportation (energy efficient and low in emissions)
- Economic vitality (jobs, travel options, recruitment)
- Quality of life (comfortable travel, option for those who don't or choose not to fly or drive)
- Efficiency (speedy boarding & ability to use time in transit productively)
- Passenger rail improvements benefit host freight rail lines

# Intercity Passenger Rail

- Growing need and support by lowans
- Federal funding program
  - American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009
    - \$8 billion for passenger rail service
    - Iowa applications.
      - Chicago to Iowa City: \$256,695,000 to initiate passenger rail service (joint application with Illinois and includes costs in Illinois)
      - Chicago to Dubuque: \$139,700,691 to initiate passenger rail service (joint application with Illinois and includes costs in Illinois)
      - \$1 million for a planning study that would complete the preparatory steps for passenger rail service from Chicago to Omaha. (FUNDED)
      - Improvements to existing Amtrak service on California Zephyr:
        - \$17,309,080 for crossovers to improve on-time performance (FUNDED)
        - » \$26,754,574 for track maintenance on the BNSF rail line that hosts Amtrak's California Zephyr service to reduce congestion and delays.
  - FY 2010 appropriation: \$2.5 billion —

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## Passenger Rail Recommendation

No funding requested for FY 2011 at this time.



## Bike/Pedestrian Trails











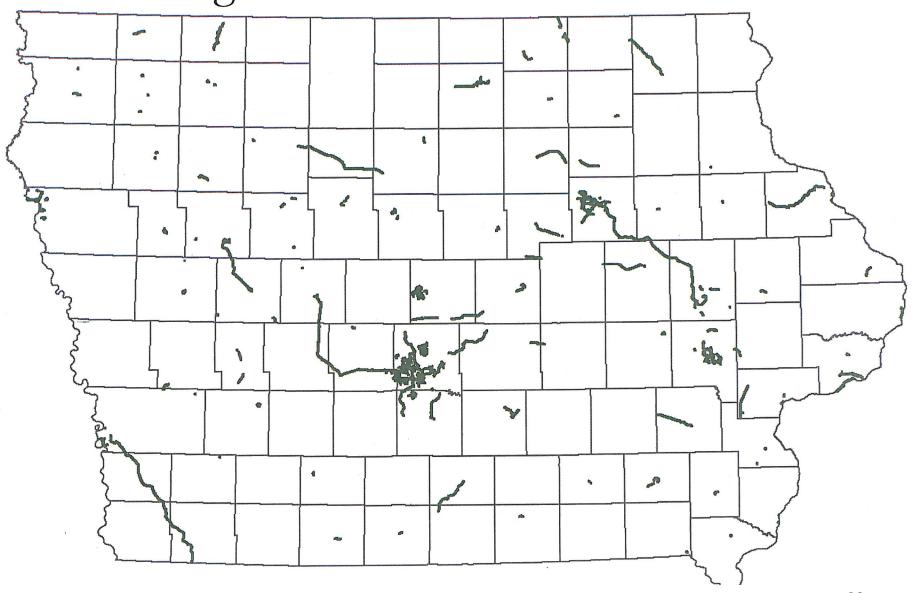
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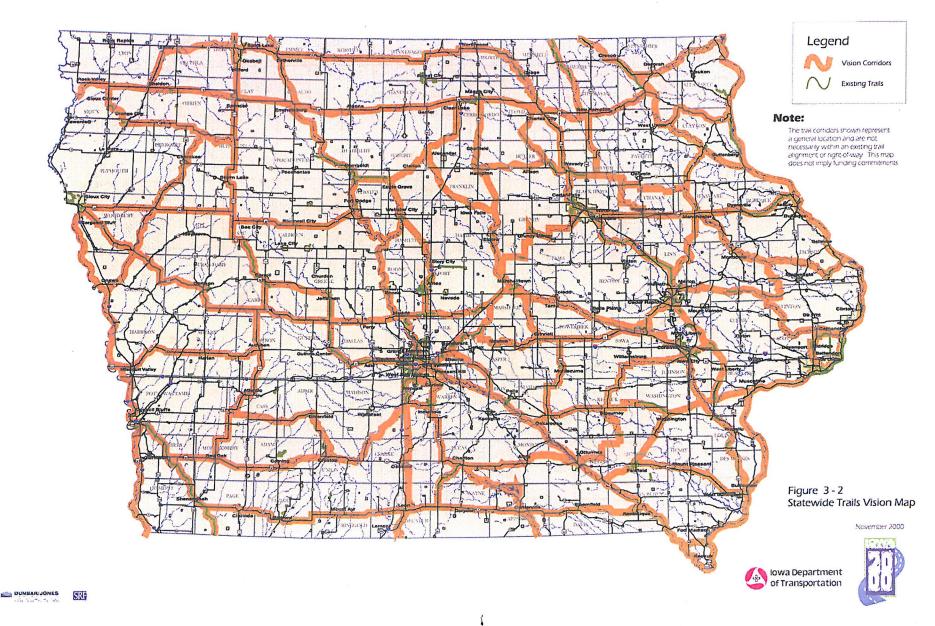
## State Recreational Trails Program

- Created in 1988
- Purpose: Establish recreational trails in lowa for the use, enjoyment and participation of the public
- Available to cities, counties, state agencies or non-profit organizations through an application program
- Administered by Department of Transportation



## Existing Trails





### Trail Needs

#### Existing Trails

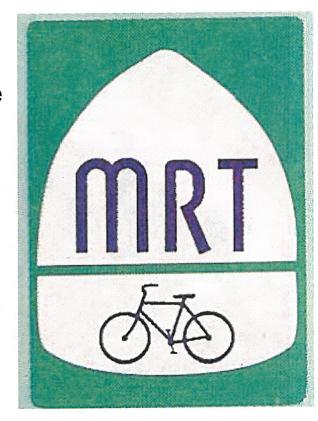
- Approximately \$4 million per year to rehabilitate existing paved trails
- Approximately \$2 million per year to pave granular trails

#### Trails Vision

\$300 million to \$470 million total cost

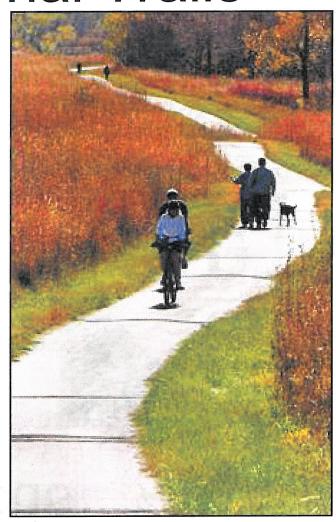
#### Statewide Trail System

- Approximately \$7 million per year to develop and rehabilitate
  - Mississippi River Trail
  - Lewis & Clark Trail
  - American Discovery Trail
  - Central Iowa Trail Loop
  - Iowa Great Lakes Connection



## State Recreational Trails

 No funding requested for FY 2011



### **Public Transit**





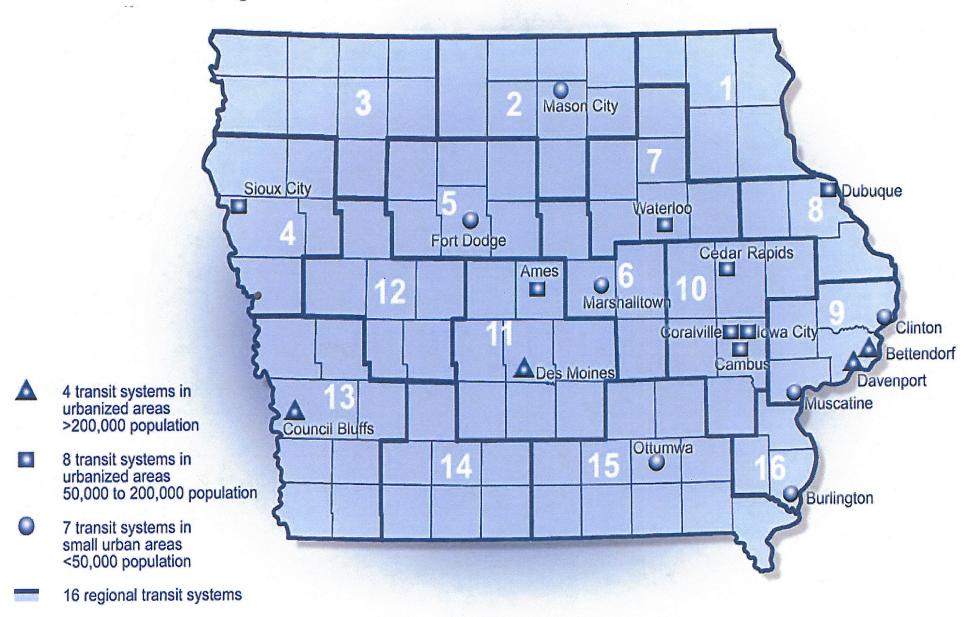


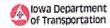




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#### Large Urban, Small Urban, and Regional Transit Systems





## **Industry Overview**

- 12 large urban transit systems
  - 609 buses (heavy-duty av.\$400,000 each)
  - 13.7 million revenue miles/year
  - 21.5 million rides/year
- 7 Small urban transit systems
  - 99 buses (mix of heavy-duty & light-duty)
  - 1.9 million revenue miles/year
  - 1.5 million rides/year

## Industry Overview (cont'd)

- 16 regional transit systems
  - 843 buses (light-duty av. \$75,000 each)
  - 13.3 million revenue miles/year
  - 3.6 million rides/year
- Summary
  - 35 transit systems
  - Serves all 99 counties
  - Over 1,500 vehicles in transit fleet
  - Provides over 26 million rides annually

#### Public Transit Issues

- Providing transportation alternatives for older lowans
- Giving low income lowans access to jobs
- Allowing persons with disabilities the opportunity to connect with their communities
- Assisting growing numbers of lowans who choose to use alternative transportation to reduce their carbon footprint and economize

#### Public Transit Needs

- Replacement vehicles 56% of Iowa transit vehicles exceed federal useful life standards
- Expansion vehicles Expansion happening only with older, already replaced vehicles
- Facility Improvements Half of regional systems have no facility to house and maintain fleet / many existing facilities need updating & expansion
- Increased services Demand is up, but operating funds have been declining and costs are increasing

#### **Public Transit Recommendations**

 \$2.2 million requested from IJOBS revenue bonds for transit infrastructure under Public Transit Infrastructure Grant program started in FY07 to fund unmet facility needs